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Country: Germany/Russian Zone

Subject: Construction of Field Positions, Trenches, etc.,
along the Elbe

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1. The local population and even travelers along the road are being mobilized to work on gun emplacements, anti-aircraft positions, trenches, etc., which are being constructed in the woods and tree nurseries along the Elbe from Havelberg-Burg-Schlesbeck to the south. The peasant population and the labor requisitioned by Russian patrols from among the travelers on the side roads of the Genthin-Brandenburg Autobahn are issued rations for 3 to 5 days and put to work on the aforementioned trenches.
2. The batteries arrive at night. They are anti-aircraft units, artillery, trench mortars (Minenwerfer), rocket mortars (Rohrwerfer), and searchlights.
3. Infantry units are stationed with their machine-gun nests in advanced positions.

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